

SENATE RESOLUTION 7004  
By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Glenn Raines,  
Sr. of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Glenn Raines, Sr., a pharmacist, former Memphis City Council member, and exemplary public servant in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Raines was a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, during his many years in practice as a pharmacist, Mr. Raines earned the respect of his peers and patients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Raines was born in Paris, Tennessee, on December 23, 1925, to parents, Rufus A. Raines and Edna Naomi McCuiston Raines; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raines's parents passed away while Glenn was still a child, and he lived with his foster parents, T. and Eunice Brown, while attending Grove High School in Paris; and

WHEREAS, at seventeen years of age, Mr. Raines joined the United States Navy and served two years as a medical corpsman in San Clemente, California; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Glenn Raines majored in pre-med at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky; Mr. Raines later became Tennessee's first male Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN); and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Mr. Raines received his B.S. and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Tennessee at Memphis, where he served as student body president; and

WHEREAS, for forty-three years, Glenn Raines owned and operated Alta Vista Drugs in Frayser, a hometown drugstore that was a fundamental part of this close-knit community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raines served astutely for twelve years as a member of the Memphis City Council, and served one year as Council Chairman; when seeking his third term to the Memphis City Council, he became the first council candidate ever to be elected unopposed; and

WHEREAS, in representing the Fraser/Raleigh area, Glenn Raines was respected and admired for his effectiveness in securing needed services for his constituents such as roads, community centers, and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raines was a member of the Memphis and Shelby County Pharmaceutical Society and the recipient of the 1973 "Bowl of Hygeia" award presented to the Outstanding Pharmacist of the Year in Tennessee; he was also a member of the Lions Club and the Masons; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Raines was an active member of Frayser Baptist Church for twenty-nine years, and from 1991 until his passing, he was a devout member of Bellevue Baptist Church, which he served faithfully as an usher; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his constancy of faith, Glenn Raines was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, his family and friends will remember not only Mr. Raines's quiet strength and tender heart, but also his compassionate nature, as he often helped those less fortunate than himself; and

WHEREAS, Robert Glenn Raines, Sr. was blessed with the loving companionship of his wife, Sue Raines, and his loving memory will continue to inspire his three children: Glenn Raines Jr., Brenda Raines Orr, and Cindy Raines Poindexter, and his five granddaughters: Kristy Raines Sargent, Katie Raines Daugherty, Laura Raines, and Lauren and Lindy Poindexter; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Raines leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Robert Glenn

Raines, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his great ability as a pharmacist, his devotion to public service, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Robert Glenn Raines, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.